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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

MACKEY ET AL.

Examiner

Kevin Y. Kim

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 2-24-2006.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 2,4-17,19-27,29 and 30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 2,4-17,19-25,27,29 and 30 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 26 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The indicated allowability of claim 26 is withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s) to Krakirian (US 5,450,546). Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claim 26 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Krakirian (US 5,450,546).

Krakirian discloses a circuit comprising;

a domain-synchronizing controller (270) to produce a source enable signal (a pulse on HBCDEC) based on a synchronous pulse signal (SCSI request signal REQ), the source enable signal enabling capture of data from a source domain (see col. 7, lines 30-41),

a source-enable controller (240) to produce a source inhibit signal (SREQSTOP) that controls the production of the source enable signal by the synchronizing controller (see col.8, lines 40-46) and,

a destination enable controller to produce a destination inhibit signal, the destination inhibit signal that prevents the domain-synchronizing controller from

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producing a destination enable signal, that enables a destination register to capture the data at a destination domain (see col.3, line 66 ~ col.4, line 2).

Allowable Subject Matter


4. Claims 2,4-17,19-25,27,29-30 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin Y. Kim whose telephone number is 571-272-3039. The examiner can normally be reached on 8AM --5PM M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel can be reached on 571-272-2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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**KEVIN KIM
PATENT EXAMINER**